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SUBJECT: VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT

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1. MURRAY AND I HAVE APPOINTMENT AT 3:30 PM LOCAL MAY 1 WITH CARDINAL SIN WHO CURRENTLY OUT-OF-TOWN.

2. FATHER REUTER HAS RECONFIRMED HIS PARTICIPATION AT SEPARATE 2:00 PM MEETING MAY 3 AT PHILIPPINE PLAZA HOTEL.

3. BISHOP LABAYON, SISTER IRENE DABULUS, FORMER PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL, SALVADOR B. LOPEZ AND GERADO ROXAS ALL HAVE CONFIRMED THEIR ACCEPTANCE OF 2:30 MEETING AT PHILIPPINE PLAZA HOTEL. SALONGA HAS TOLD US HE WOULD PARTICIPATE IF VENUE WERE CHANGED.

4. THERE ARE PROBLEMS WITH SHIFTING VENUE FOR LARGER MEETING. SOME PARTICIPANTS HAVE INDICATED THEIR DESIRE FOR AS LITTLE PUBLICITY AS POSSIBLE AND CONCERN OVER BEING SEEN AS TOO CLOSE TO THE USG. A MEETING AT EMBASSY OR ANOTHER HOTEL WOULD ATTRACT MORE PUBLICITY, ADD SECURITY PROBLEMS AND BE MORE TIME CONSUMING. THE FIVE INDI-

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VIDUALS WHO HAVE AGREED TO PARTICIPATE ALREADY REPRESENT A GOOD CROSS SECTION OF PHILIPPINE HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS. SALONGA WOULD ADD POLITICAL EMPHASIS BY VIRTUE OF HIS CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH AQUINO AND HIS ACTIVE WORK IN SUPPORT OF OPPOSITION SLATE DURING ELECTIONS.

5. ON BALANCE, OAKLEY, MURRAY AND I RECOMMEND STICKING WITH THE LARGE GROUP MEETING AS PRESENTLY CONSTITUTED. PLEASE ADVISE.

6. WE WILL EXPLORE OPTIONS WITH CARDINAL SIN PER REFTELS SEEKING HIS AGREEMENT TO MEET IN VICINITY OF PHILIPPINE PLAZA HOTEL AT LOCALE OF HIS CHOICE (PRESUMABLY CHURCH PROPERTY) FOR FORTY MINUTES PLUS TWENTY MINUTES ROUND TRIP TRAVEL AFTER ADB VISIT MAY 3. SHOULD, HOWEVER, CARDINAL EVIDENCE ANY RELUCTANCE FOR MEETING OTHER THAN AT HIS RESIDENCE, WE WOULD LIKE TO BE AUTHORIZED TO AGREE ON THE SPOT TO DO SO, AGAIN FOR FORTY MINUTES (PLUS ROUND TRIP TRAVEL OF APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR TWENTY MINUTEU) AFTER THE ADB VISIT. PLEASE ADVISE. STULL

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